

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 5, 9, and 11 through 13 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:
a discrimination unit for discriminating a type of object contained in input data; and
a processing unit for applying reduction processing to a thin line contained in a graphical object using a result of discrimination by said discrimination unit, which suppresses
wherein the reduction processing reduces, based upon a specified value, an amount of
colorant forming the thin line contained in the graphical object to a first amount of the colorant,
and
wherein the reduction processing reduces an amount of colorant forming [[a]] the thin
line contained in [[an]] the graphical object to a second amount of the colorant that is less than
the first amount, to a thin line contained in the object using a result of discrimination by said
discrimination unit, if when a thin-line correction mode is turned on based upon a user
instruction.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said processing unit does not execute application of the reduction processing to an object of a certain type.

4. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said discrimination unit discriminates the type of object based upon an instruction contained in image data described in page description language.

5. (Currently Amended) An image forming method comprising:
a discrimination step of discriminating a type of object contained in input data; and
a processing step of applying reduction processing to a thin line contained in a graphical object using a result of discrimination by the discrimination unit, which suppresses
wherein the reduction processing reduces, based upon a specified value, an amount of colorant forming the thin line contained in the graphical object to a first amount of the colorant,
and
wherein the reduction processing reduces an amount of colorant forming [[a]] the thin line contained in [[an]] the graphical object to a second amount of the colorant that is less than the first amount, to a thin line contained in the object using a result of discrimination at said discrimination step, if when a thin-line correction mode is turned on based upon a user instruction.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein said processing step does not execute application of the reduction processing to an object of a certain type.

8. (Original) The method according to claim 5, wherein said discrimination step discriminates the type of object based upon an instruction contained in image data described in page description language.

9. (Currently Amended) A computer program stored on a computer-readable medium for instructing a computer to execute an image forming method, said ~~computer program~~ method comprising:

~~code of~~ a discrimination step of discriminating a type of object contained in input data;
and

~~code of~~ a processing step of applying reduction processing to a thin line contained in a graphical object using a result of discrimination at said discrimination step, which suppresses
wherein the reduction processing reduces, based upon a specified value, an amount of colorant forming the thin line contained in the graphical object to a first amount of the colorant,
and

wherein the reduction processing reduces an amount of colorant forming ~~[[a]]~~ the thin line contained in ~~[[an]]~~ the graphical object to a second amount of the colorant that is less than the first amount, ~~to a thin line contained in the object using a result of discrimination at said discrimination step, if when~~ a thin-line correction mode is turned on based upon a user instruction.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) The computer program stored on computer-readable medium for instructing a computer to execute an image forming method according to claim 9, wherein said processing step does not execute application of the reduction processing to an object of a certain type.

12. (Currently Amended) The computer program stored on computer-readable medium for instructing a computer to execute an image forming method according to claim 9, wherein said discrimination step discriminates the type of object based upon an instruction contained in image data described in page description language.

13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the reduction processing is applied to a thin line having a designated color.

14. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the colorant is toner.